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TOPIC <u>Changes at the Kindel Training Grounds</u>		
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REMARKS		
This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. Between 20 and 22 September 1954, it was determined that the Kindel training grounds was extended to the north, because of the construction project under way in the southeast part of the area: A new cantonment of 42 to 45 temporary buildings was located between Craula and Berka v.d. Hainich near hill 494. Since, compared with preceding years, training in the south section of the training grounds decreased considerably during this summer, it was assumed that training activities were shifted to the north section. 25X1
2. On 21 September, 6 officers and 50 soldiers engaged in surveying work northeast of Berka v.d. Hainich and west of Craula. Craula inhabitants believed that they would have to be evacuated. No movements were observed in the training area between 20 and 23 September. 25X1

Comment. The changes at the training grounds doubtlessly resulted from the construction of the airfield west of Haina. As had previously been reported, the old cantonment in the Hinteres Hainaer Holz state forest was dismantled and, according to the present report, was presumably relocated in the area southwest of Craula. 25X1

the bulk of the 57th Mtz Rifle Div is believed to have been stationed in the Kindel area until 22 September. While the division is probably still stationed in Camp Kindel, west of Wolfsbehringen, which town is not affected by the construction of the airfield, the new camp mentioned in this report presumably quarters corps troops of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps. In preceding years, these troops were quartered in the Haina state forest. In this connection, another report, according to which loadings are expected to take place at the Kindel training grounds on and after 10 October, is worth noting. For these movements, the Grossenbehringen-Friedrichswerth-Gotha secondary line will be used for the first time. The new cantonment area is located only 4 kilometers from Grossenbehringen which will presumably serve as loading station. 25X1

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